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SUBJECT: OCT. 4 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. HENRY BRADSHER OF WASHINGTON STAR REPORTED THAT U.S. AND USSR HAVE AGREED TO LIMIT THEIR MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN TO PRESENT LEVEL. BRADSHER REPORTED: "AGREEMENT, WHICH INFORMED SOURCES SAY WAS REACHED IN TALKS HERE LAST WEEK, IS INTENDED TO STABILIZE MILITARY COMPETITION IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD AS FIRST STEP TOWARD REDUCING ARMED FORCES IN AREA. EVENTUAL GOAL IS REMOVAL OF ALL MILITARY FORCES OF OUTSIDE POWERS FROM INDIAN OCEAN. OFFICIALS OF TWO COUNTRIES AGREED THAT THEIR WARSHIPS, SUBMARINES AND MILITARY PLANES WOULD NOT BE BANNED, NOR WOULD NORMAL PEACE-TIME PORT CALLS, TRAINING CRUISES AND OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, HOWEVER OFFICIALS SEEK TO AVOID FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF

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DESCRIBED WASHINGTON TALKS ON INDIAN OCEAN AS "SERIOUS AND BUSINESS-LIKE." HE SAID "SOVIET UNION REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED U.S. APPROACH OF FREEZING PRESENT LEVEL OF SOVIET-AMERICAN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN AND LATER DISCUSSED REDUCTIONS. ANOTHER MEETING IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD BEFORE END OF YEAR. IT WILL ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON REDUCTIONS IN NUMBER OF DAYS WARSHIPS OF EACH COUNTRY MAY SPEND IN

INDIAN OCEAN AND OTHER CUTBACKS. NEXT MEETING IS LIKELY TO

BE HELD IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY TO EMPHASIZE THAT MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON ARE NOT JUST TRYING TO MAKE PRIVATE ARRANGEMENT BUT ARE SEEKING TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT OF GENERAL INTERNATIONAL BENEFIT. OTHER NAVAL POWERS SUCH AS BRITAIN AND FRANCE WILL BE ASKED TO JOIN IN AGREEMENT."

2. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT SENATE, "PUSHED BY CONSERVATIVE SENATORS, UNEXPECTEDLY POSTPONED ACTION FOR DAY ON RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INFORMAL EXTENSION OF U.S.-SOVIET STRATEGIC ARMS PACT WHICH EXPIRED YESTERDAY." SENATE LEADERSHIP, POST POINTED OUT, THOUGHT IT HAD SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO RUSH THROUGH RESOLUTION, BUT AT LAST MOMENT MONDAY MORNING, CONSERVATIVE SENATORS, INCLUDING DOMENICI, ALLEN AND GOLDWATER, RAISED OBJECTIONS AND SOUGHT TO AMEND PROPOSED RESOLUTION. " SENATOR JAMES MCCLURE MADE MOST TELLING OBJECTION WHEN HE NOTED RESOLUTION HAD BEEN REPORTED OUT OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE LAST FRIDAY WITHOUT FORMAL QUORUM., CHAIR RULED RESOLUTION WAS DEFECTIVE AND HAD TO BE RETURNED TO COMMITTEE FOR FORMAL VOTE. SENATE FLOOR ACTION, UNDER RULES, WAS DELAYED 24 HOURS. PROPOSED RESOLUTION WAS CONCEIVED BY SENATORS JACKSON, CRANSTON AND OTHERS, POST SAID, "TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CONGRESS' PREROGATIVE UNDER 1961 LAW TO REVIEW AND APPROVE OF ANY ACCORD LIMITING U.S. DEFENSES. MAJOR PUR-
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POSE OF RESOLUTION IS TO REASSERT THIS CONGRESSIONAL PREROGATIVE AND EXPRESS SENTIMENTS OF CONGRESS WITHOUT HAMPERING U.S.-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUIRES HOUSE VOTE.,

3. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED FORMER PRESIDENT FORD SAID CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY HAS HAMPERED DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SALT PACT AND INCREASED DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR. IN ADDRESS TO 2,000 ALBION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FACULTY, FORD SAID "THERE'S NO QUESTION, IN HIS MIND THAT PRESIDENT HAS "SET BACK NEGOTIATIONS ON SALT"BY "CONDEMNING EVERY OTHER COUNTRY THAT DOESN'T HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTED AS WE DO., HE WARNED OF RESUMPTION OF ARMS RACE IF U.S. AND SOVIET UNION FAIL TO REACH NEW SALT ACCORD. "AND IF YOU HAVE RESUMPTION OF STRATEGIC ARMS RACE, WITH BIGGER MISSILES, MORE ACCURATE MISSILES, ETC., POTENTIAL OF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET UNION INCREASES." FORD SAID SUCH ATOMIC WAR WOULD INVOLVE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF 216 MILLION AMERICANS AND 260 MILLION RUSSIANS.

4. U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORTS, IN OCT. 10 ISSUE, SAID

"DON'T GET IDEA THAT EXTENDING SALT ONE WILL SLOW ARMS

RACE. BOTH SIDES WILL CONTINUE HEAVY SPENDING AS COMPETITION GETS SHARPER... RUSSIA WILL HOLD EDGE IN NUMBERS OF

LAUNCHERS. U.S. WILL MAINTAIN SUPERIORITY IN NUMBER OF WARHEADS AND GUIDANCE SYSTEMS INTO 1980S. DON'T DISMISS EXTENSION OF SALT ONE OUT OF HAND. IT HELPS PRESERVE CLIMATE OF DETENTE AND MAINTAIN MOMENTUM AIMED AT NEW PACT. HOW LONG WILL EXTENSION LAST? NOT LONG. CONGRESS MAY SIT STILL FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS. AFTER THAT, WHITE HOUSE WILL BE UNDER PRESSURE TO BOOST U.S. POWER DRAMATICALLY IN ORDER TO OFFSET RUSSIA'S MILITARY BUILDUP.

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5. NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED ON OPENING MONDAY OF TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, SAYING WARNKE, CRADDOCK AND MOROKHOV, LEADERS OF U.S. BRITISH AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS RESPECTIVELY, "ALL DISPLAYED OPTIMISM WHEN THEY MET AT BRITISH MISSION."

6. TIME MAGAZINE, IN OCT. 10 ISSUE, SAID LAST WEEK'S U.S.-SOVIET UNDERSTANDING ON SALT "WAS WELCOME DEVELOPMENT FOR CARTER ADMINISTRATION WHICH HAD BEEN TRYING FOR NINE MONTHS TO GET SALT BACK ON TRACK. LONG IMPASSE, IN PART, WAS RESULT OF PRESIDENT'S INEXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH SOVIETS. HE PUT KREMLIN ON DEFENSIVE WITH HIS EVANGELISTIC HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AND HIS UNEXPECTEDLY SWEEPING PROPOSALS FOR ARMS CUTS, WHICH VANCE CARRIED TO MOSCOW IN MARCH. SINCE CARTER'S CONCEPTS WOULD HAVE REQUIRED RUSSIANS TO GIVE UP EXISTING (ALBEIT AGING) SYSTEMS WHILE U.S. MERELY SACRIFICED WEAPONS ON DRAWING BOARD, IT WAS NOT SURPRISING -- IN RETROSPECT -- THAT BREZHNEV THUNDERED AN UNEQUIVOCAL NYET.... WHY DID KREMLIN SUDDENLY CHANGE ITS NYET TO DA? KREMLINOLOGISTS SPECULATED THAT BREZHNEV, WHO HAS STAKED MUCH OF HIS PRESTIGE ON ARMS CONTROL, MAY HAVE DECIDED THAT TIME WAS RUNNING OUT. ALSO, U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED BIT. TIME SAID FINAL DETAILS OF CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH UILL BE HAMMERED OUT IN INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA AND IN "WASHINGTON BACK CHANNEL.

AMONG STICKY PROBLEMS WARNKE AND SEMYONOV WILL HAVE TO RESOLVE: BY HOW MUCH SHOULD VLADIVOSTOK CEILINGS BE REDUCED? HOW MANY U.S. PLANES MAY CARRY CRUISE MISSILES? HOW EXTENSIVE UILL BE LIMITS ON TESTING NEW ICBM'S?" TIME SAID 'ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL DETERMINE WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT DRAFT TREATY WILL RECEIVE FROM SENATE, WHICH MUST RATIFY IT BY TWO-THIRDS

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